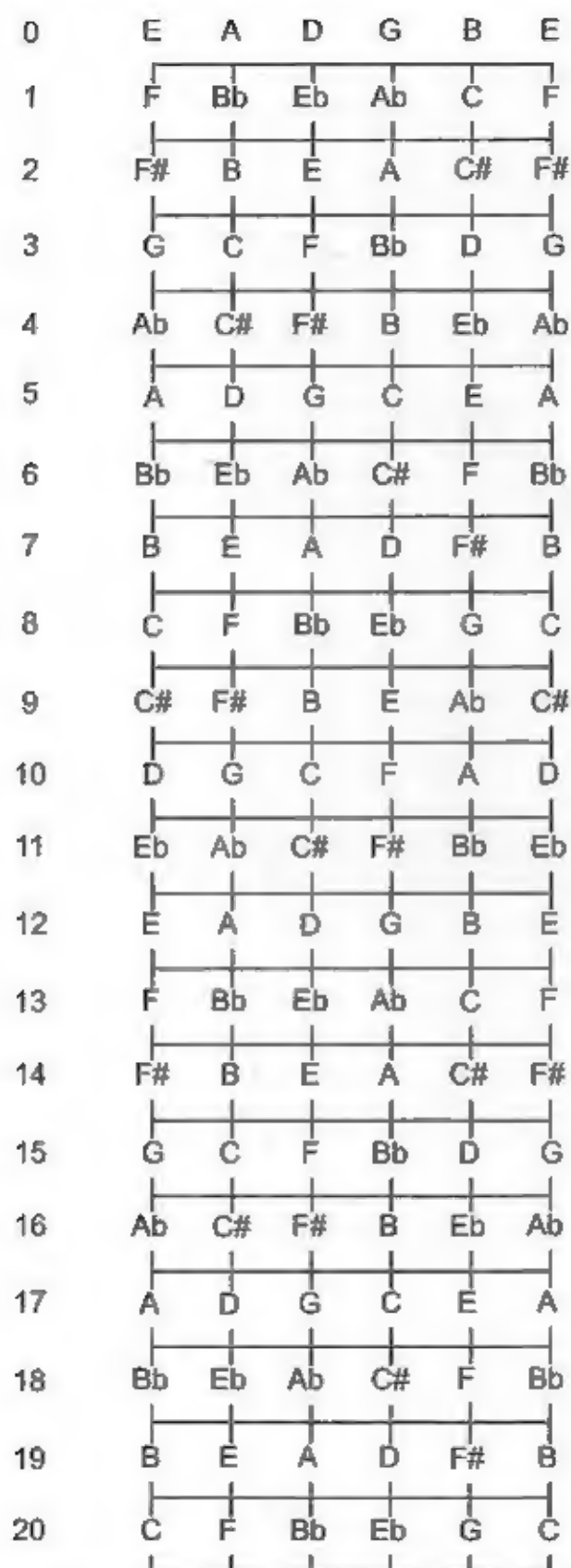


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The fretboard diagram above is to assist in identifying chords to fret positions.

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The Gypsy Jazz Chord Book

This series of books is based on the music of Django Reinhardt and the ever expanding style of Gypsy Jazz. All the tunes in this series of books have either been recorded by Django Reinhardt or his extended family and Gypsy Guitarists.

To use this book, the user is expected to have some knowledge of chord work.

The chords are the foundation to any kind of music but can still be improvised just like soloing with the use of substitutions and passing chords, adding harmonic twists and turns to an otherwise standard format. Even the subtle change from a minor 7th to a minor 9th and the dominant 7th to a 9th can change the mood of a song. The extensive use of these chords in this book is just a choice of voicing.

It is also important to add dynamic changes to rhythm. By playing added accents and off-beats, this can add more direction and depth as well as keeping it interesting to the listener.

Django's accompaniment in this style was phenomenal and played with complete command that is still unrivalled to this day.

At the heading of every tune there is a reference to its format of play. For example AABA or ABCA etc. This indicates the pattern in which the tune is to be played and then repeated in its entirety for the length of the tune, unless arranged otherwise.

The key in which the tune is played.

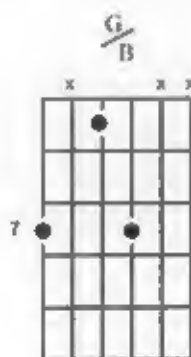
The type of rhythm, 4/4 or 3/4 or otherwise. This indicates the type of rhythm only, not a timing signature to be counted in.

Each chord has a suggested fret position which is placed in the corner of each chord box. For example if you have a C6/9 accompanied with a '3', then the 'C' note on the 'A' string defines its position and if you have a C6/9 with an '8' then the 'C' note on the 'E' string will define its position etc.

A '0' (zero) represents an 'open' chord.

The same process applies to each and every chord.

The use of split chords in this book is as follows:



The diagram above shows an inversion of a Major chord. Because the Bass note is lower than the root it will be listed as a split chord, in this case a 'G/B', so location of the fret position can be easily identified.

Likewise, if we had an 'F/A' it would be the same shape as the diagram above except it would be in the fifth position.

The chord changes in this book do not necessarily match the original recordings as they have been collected from many sources including some ideas of my own.

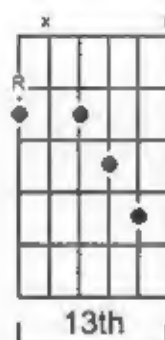
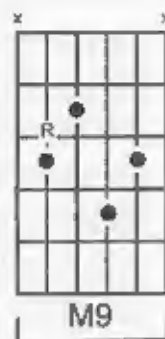
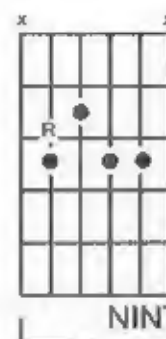
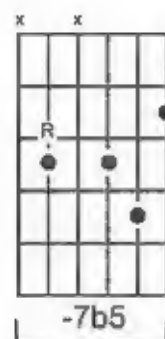
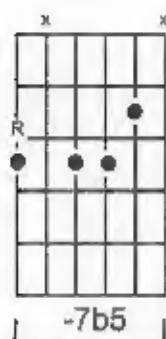
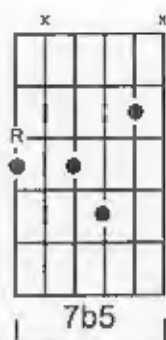
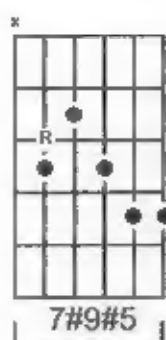
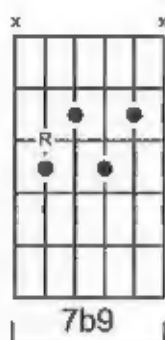
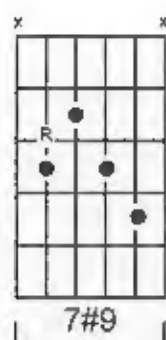
The examples in this book are just one of many ways the chords can be interpreted.

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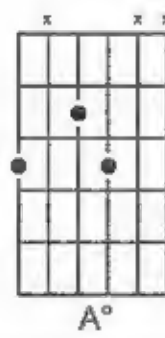
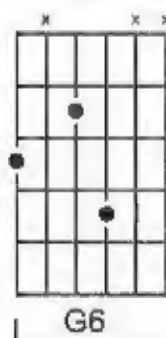
Moveable Chord Shapes used in this book, any other miscellaneous chords will be documented on the chord charts.

MAJOR			MAJOR SEVENTHS (Δ)			
MINOR			MINOR SEVENTHS (-7)			
MINOR SIXTHS (-6)			SIXTHS (6)			
SIX NINTHS (6/9)			MAJOR SIXTH (M6)		DIMINISHED ($^{\circ}$)	HALF DIM (\flat)
SEVENTHS (7)			- Δ		7+5	

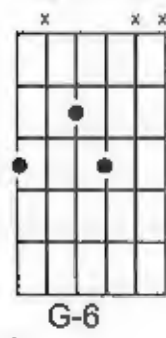
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There are many different inversions of the same chord. Some chords can have more than one name, so it is important to have an easily understandable and economical system.



Typical Major chord run in the key of G



Typical Minor chord run in the key of G

SOME CHORD SYMBOLS USED IN THIS BOOK YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

M	=	Major
m	=	Minor
Δ	=	Major 7,9 i.e. $G\Delta 7$, $G\Delta 9$.
$-\Delta$	=	Minor Major
-	=	Minor 6, 7, 9, 11, or 13 i.e. G-7
6/9	=	Sixth-Ninth
6	=	Sixth
M6	=	Major Sixth
M9	=	Major Ninth or $\Delta 9$
7	=	Dominant Seventh
9	=	Dominant Ninth
11	=	Eleventh
13	=	Thirteenth
0	=	Diminished
\emptyset	=	Half Diminished
7+5	=	Augmented Seventh
7b5	=	Dominant Seventh with Flattened Fifth
7b9	=	Seventh with Flattened Ninth
7#5	=	Dominant Seventh with Sharpened Fifth
7#9	=	Seventh with Sharpened Ninth
7#9#5	=	Seventh with Sharpened Ninth and Sharpened Fifth
7b9#5	=	Seventh with Flattened Ninth and Sharpened Fifth
%	=	Repeat previous bar

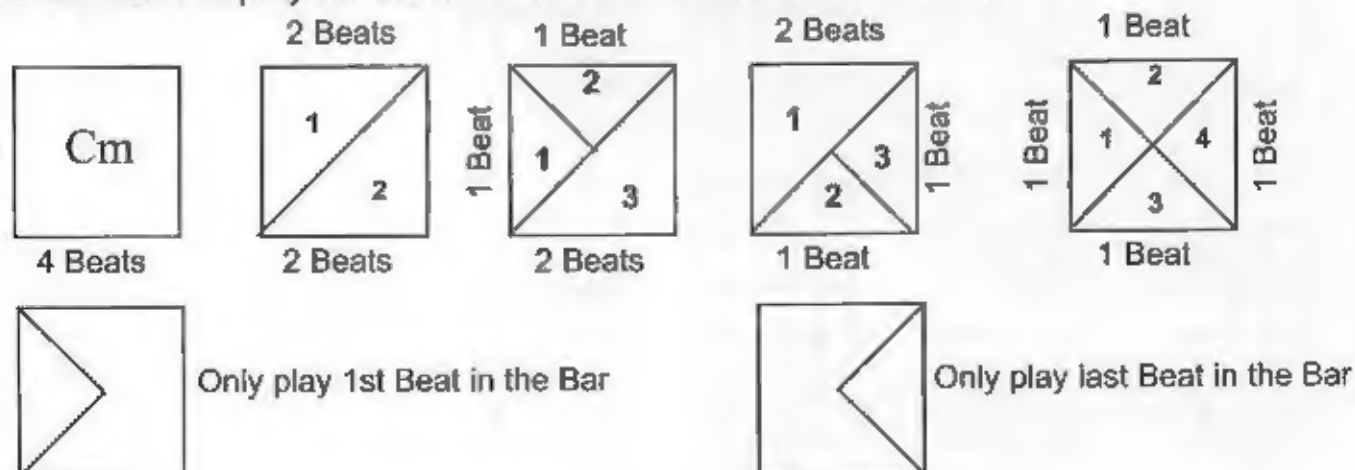
Split Chords

There are also a number of split chords used in this book which are displayed as the written chord and then the bass, i.e. F7/C, this would be F7 with a C on the Bass

All these chords will be displayed on the chord sheets that have them.

The Chord Boxes

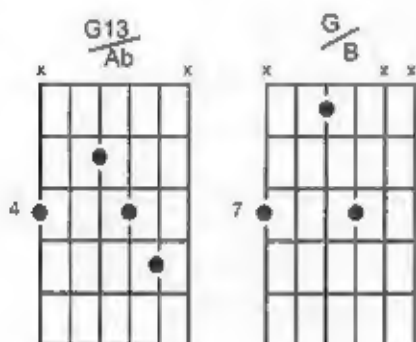
The direction of play for the broken chord boxes is as follows:



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53. BUSINESS DIRECTORY
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56. BAND DIRECTORY
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A	⁸ C6	%	⁸ C-6	%	⁷ G B	%	⁷ E7	%
B	⁵ A7	%	⁵ D9	%	⁵ G6/9	%	⁵ D-9	⁴ G13 Ab
A	³ C6/9	%	³ C-9	¹ F13	³ GΔ	%	⁷ E7	%
C	⁵ A-7	⁷ E7	⁵ A-7	⁸ C-7 F9	¹⁰ GM9	⁷ B7	⁷ E-7	⁵ A7
D	⁵ G6/9	%	⁵ D7	%	⁵ G6/9	%	⁵ D-9	⁴ G13 Ab



The first 'A' section is played in the traditional style using the triad form.

I have included in the second 'A' section a more modern approach. You can hear how the two styles can be blended to make a more melodic and harmonic sound.



Young Gypsy Player at Samois Sur Seine
Photo by Victoria Cosimini ©

A	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{D-7} \\ \text{D-}\Delta 7 \\ 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \text{G-6} \\ \text{A7b9\#5} \\ 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{D-7} \\ \text{D-}\Delta 7 \\ 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \text{C-7} \\ \text{F9} \\ 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \text{Bb}\Delta \\ \text{Eb9} \\ 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{E-7} \\ \text{Eb9} \\ 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \text{D-7} \\ \text{D-}\Delta 7 \\ 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \text{G-6} \\ \text{A7b9\#5} \\ 5 \end{array}$
A	Repeat 1st 6 Bars						$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{D-7} \\ \text{E}\# \\ 7 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{D-7} \\ 5 \end{array}$
B	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{A-7} \\ \text{D9} \\ 5 \end{array}$	%	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \text{G-7} \\ \text{C9} \\ 3 \end{array}$	%	$\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ \text{B7} \\ \text{E9} \\ 7 \end{array}$	%	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \text{Eb9} \\ 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{A7+5} \\ 5 \end{array}$
A	Repeat 1st 'A' Section							

$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \text{DM9} \\ \text{D-9} \\ 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ \text{B11} \\ \text{Bb7b5} \\ 6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{A11} \\ \text{Ab7b5} \\ 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \text{G-6} \\ \text{A7b9\#5} \\ 5 \end{array}$
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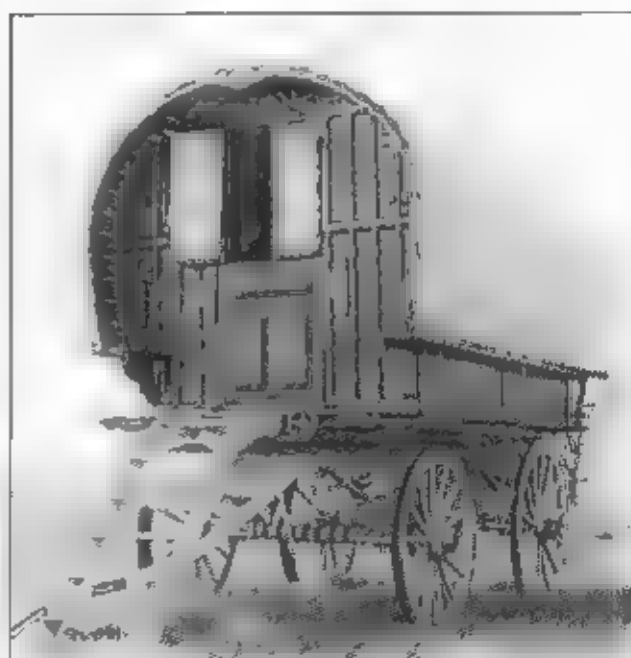
These Chords are sometimes used as an introduction

ANOUMAN

This beautiful composition was written by Django Reinhardt and recorded in 1953.

You may recognise this tune played by The Stochelo Rosenberg Trio around the campfire on the 'Django Legacy' film.

The introduction above can be played unaccompanied as it's melodic content is in keeping with the tune.



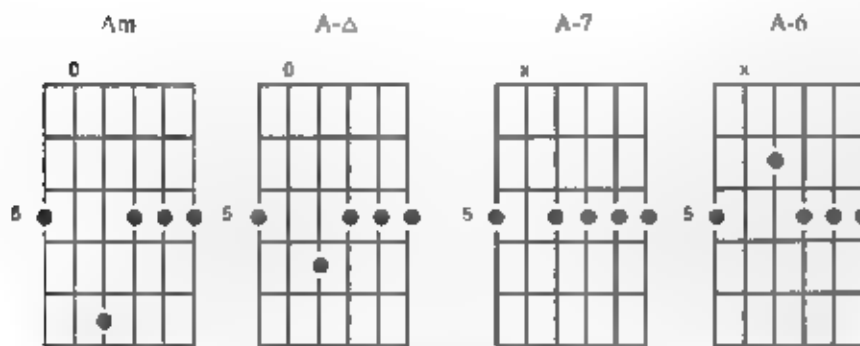
This wonderful traditional Gypsy Caravan was spotted in a field in Norfolk and used to great effect on the Cosimini Trio CD - Janine

AUTUMN LEAVES (LES FEUILLES MORTES)

Key of Am 4/4

32 Bars AABC

A	⁵ D-9	³ G13	³ CM9	⁸ FM9	⁷ B11	⁷ E7#9	⁵ A-7	⁵ G-7 / ⁵ A7
A	Repeat	1st	6 Bars				⁵ Am	0/0
B	⁷ E7	0/0	⁵ Am / ⁵ A-Δ	⁵ A-7 / ⁵ A-6	⁵ D-9	³ G13	³ CΔ7	⁴ C#°
C	⁵ D-9	⁷ E7	⁵ A-7 / ⁴ Ab7	³ G-7 / ³ F#7	⁸ F6/9	⁷ B11	⁵ Am	⁵ G-7 / ⁵ A7



Bars 3 + 4 of 'B' section
2 Beats on each chord

Continue to play Am for last bar only when finishing.

AUTUMN LEAVES

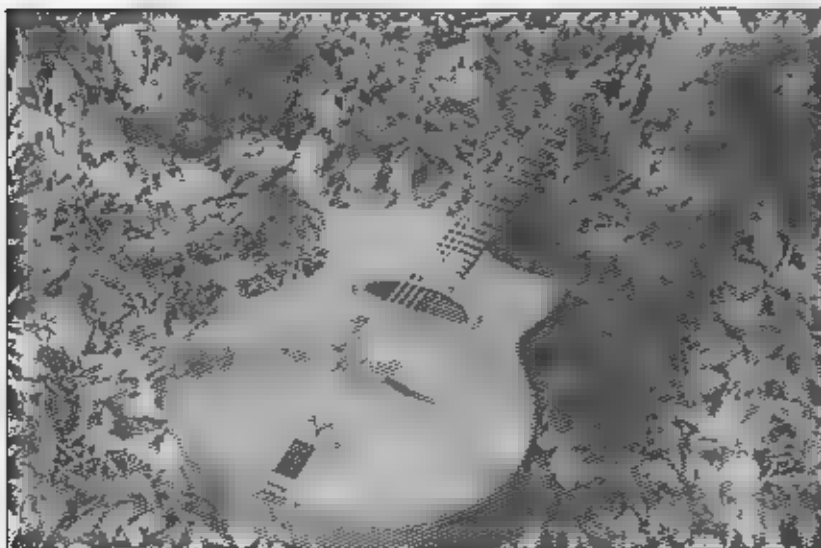


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The above rendition is in the key of Am
Another favourite key to play this tune is in Em.
This tune is frequently played by the Gypsies in various keys and tempos.
Django never lived to record this tune, it would have been interesting to hear what his interpretation would have been.

BEYOND THE SEA (LA MER)

Key of F 4/4

48 Bars AABCA

A	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{D-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{D-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{A7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{D-9} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{A7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \end{array}$
	C9	F6/9	G7	C7				
A	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{D-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{D-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{A7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{D-9} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{A7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \end{array}$
	C9	F6/9	G7	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{E7} \end{array}$				
B	$\begin{array}{c} \text{A6/9} \\ \text{F\#-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{B-7} \\ \text{E9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{A6/9} \\ \text{F\#-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{B-7} \\ \text{E9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{A6/9} \\ \text{G7} \end{array}$			
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{C6/9} \\ \text{A-7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{D-9} \\ \text{G7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{C6/9} \\ \text{A-7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{D-7} \\ \text{G7} \end{array}$	C6/9	C7		
C	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{D-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{D-9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{A7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{D-9} \\ \text{C9} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{A7} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{G-7} \end{array}$
	C9	F6/9	G-7	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F6/9} \\ \text{C7} \end{array}$				



Bridge at Samois Sur Seine. Photo by Victoria Cosimuni ©

This great tune works well as an up tempo swing tune or played slow. Django's recorded version was played as a ballad

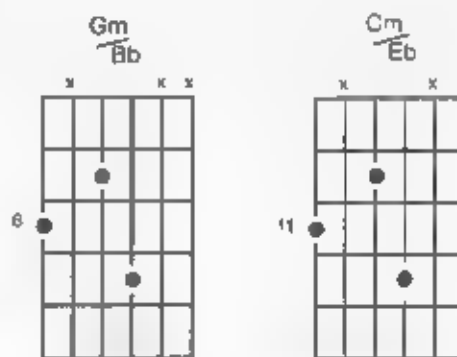
The use of minor 9ths can be replaced by minor 7ths or straight minors depending on how you want to voice the tune

Example 1

³ G-6	³ %	³ %	³ %	² C-6	³ %	³ G-6	³ %
⁶ EbM9	⁵ D7	³ Gm	⁴ Ab7				

Example 2

⁶ Gm Bb A°	³ G-6 A°	⁶ Gm Bb A°	⁶ Gm Bb B°	⁸ C-6 Cm Eb	¹¹ D° C-6	⁶ Gm Bb A°	⁷ E 9 Bb13
⁶ EbM9 Eb9	⁵ A11 Ab7b5	³ G-6 D7#9	³ G-6 Ab7				

BLUES EN MINEUR

This basic minor twelve bar can be played quite complex and colourful as shown in 'Example 2'.

The idea of showing 2 chords to each bar is to offer alternative voicings. You do not need to play every chord shown, but by using these substitutions you can change the standard format to give a more full sound wherever you choose.

The picture of the young Gypsy boy was taken at the Django Reinhardt Festival at Samois. As you can see, even at this young age, he has adopted a great right hand technique playing on a miniature Selmer copy. (Revised text)



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Key of A 4/4

BLUES FOR IKE

12 Bars

First 12 Bars For Head Only

⁵ A13	⁵ %	⁵ %	⁵ A7b5	⁵ D9	⁵ %	⁷ B-7 ⁵ AΔ7 ⁹ C#-7 ⁹ F#7#9 ⁸ C-7
⁷ B-7	⁷ E7b9	⁹ C#-7 ⁹ F#7#9	⁷ B-7 ⁹ E7#9			

Second For Improvisation

⁵ A13	⁵ D9	⁵ A13	⁷ E-7 ⁶ A13 / Bb	⁵ D6/9	⁵ D7	⁵ AΔ7 ⁷ B-7	⁹ C#7 ⁹ F#7#9
⁷ B-7	⁷ E7b9	⁹ C#-7 ⁹ F#7#9	⁷ B-7 ⁷ E7#9				

F#7#9

A7b5

A13 / Bb

Chord Positions for Bars 7 and 8.

Play one beat to each chord

Five Beats in total



Jimmy Rosenberg at the Django Festival playing with the Hotclub of Norway.



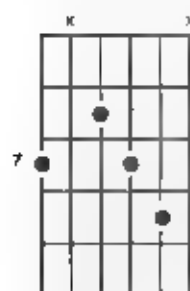
Jimmy playing at The Chez Fernand.

This Django tune, although a blues, is played very much in the Be-Bop style.

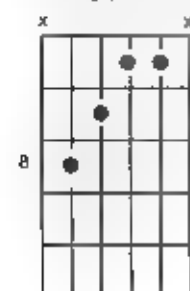
This is one of the tunes in Jimmy's repertoire which he takes at a breathtaking speed showing the great command he has over his instrument

A	⁶ BbΔ	³ %	⁸ F-9	⁷ Bb13 B	⁶ EbM9	⁵ %	⁴ A11	Ab7b5
	³ G-7	³ %	³ C9	⁸ %	⁸ C-7	⁸ F9	⁶ Bb6 B°	⁸ C-7 F7+
A	<div> <div>Repeat</div> <div>1st</div> <div>14 Bars</div> </div>						⁸ Bb6/9	⁸ %
	⁹ C#-7	⁹ F#9	⁷ BΔ7	⁷ BM6	⁷ B-7	⁷ E9	⁵ AΔ7	⁵ AM6
B	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	³ GΔ7	³ GM6	³ G-7	³ C9	⁸ C-7	⁸ F7+
	¹ BbΔ	¹⁰ D-7 E-7	¹⁰ G-7	⁷ Bb13 B	⁶ EbM9	⁵ %	⁴ A11	Ab7b5
A	³ G-7	³ %	³ C9	⁸ %	⁸ C-7	⁸ F9	⁶ Bb6 B°	⁸ C-7 F7+

Bb13
B



F7+



This tune was never recorded by Django, but is very popular amongst the modern Gypsy players.

Great versions have been recorded by Angelo Debarre, Stochelo Rosenberg and many others.



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5 Dm D9 5	A° G-6 B° Gm/bb 5	3 F6 F#° 2	3 G-7 A7 5	5 A7 Bb7 4	1 G° A7 F6 5
5 D-9 D9 5	3 G-7 C7 3	3 F6 F#° 2	3 G-7 A7 5	5 Dm F° 3	6 Bb7 A7 5
					5 Dm A7+5 5

G-6

A°

Gm/bb

B°

5 A°	3 G-6	7 B°
	Gm/bb	

Fret Numbers for Bar 2

3 G°	5 A7	0 A7
	F6	

Fret Numbers for Bar 8

x	x	x
3		

x	x	x
5		

x	x	x
6		

x	x	x
7		

Second Bar 1 Beat on Each Chord

Play one Beat to each Chord

x	x	x
5		

x	x	x
3		

x	0	x
1		

x	0	0
0		

Eighth Bar 1 Beat on Each Chord



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CLAIR DE LUNE

An outstanding version of this tune has been recorded by Angelo Debarre on 'Gypsy Guitars' CD (HCR), where extended use of chording is displayed.

It is also a firm favourite of Raphael Fays as it is usually included at most of his concerts

This photograph was taken outside the restaurant Clair De La Lune in Montmartre, Paris.

Montmartre has a long standing history for Gypsy players and street entertainers.

A	⁵ D6/9	⁴ %	⁵ C#ø	⁷ A7	⁶ E-7	⁵ Eb7	⁷ D6/9 F9 E9 Eb9
A	⁵ D6/9	⁶ %	⁷ Eb°	⁷ E-7	⁶ E-9	⁵ Eb9	⁵ D6/9 %
B	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ G6/9	⁷ %	⁷ E7	⁶ %	⁶ Eb7 %
A	<div> <div></div> <div>Repeat 1st 7 Bars of 'A' Section</div> <div></div> </div>						⁷ E-7 Eb9

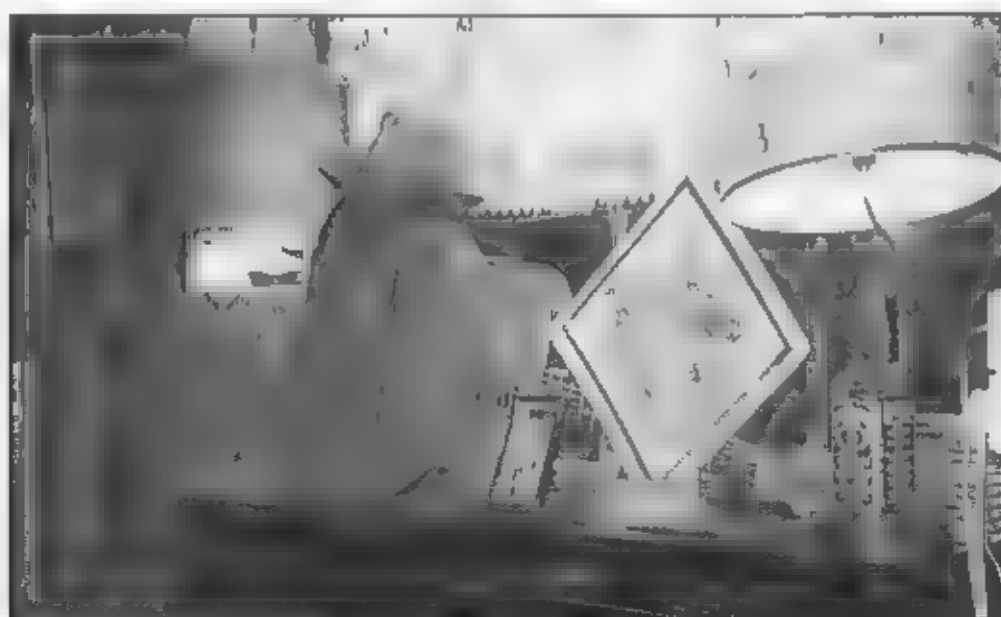


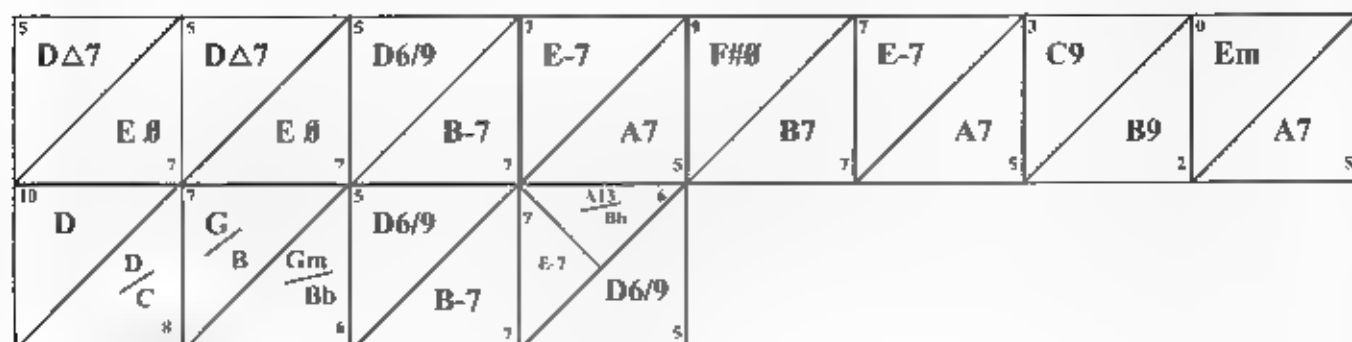
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This tune is also known as 'Django's Theme'.

Note the decending chord progression in the last 2 bars of the first 'A' section, this is typical of the Gypsy style of play and by using these substitutions creates a very strong sound

On the second 'A' section I have introduced an Eb diminished as a passing chord in place of the C# half diminished and the E-7 is replacing the A7

The above picture was taken in the Chez Fernand Bar at Samois Sur Seine. This tiny bar and restaurant hosted some of the most prolific Gypsy players in the world. It was full of photographs and memorabilia of Django, but has unfortunately now closed down.

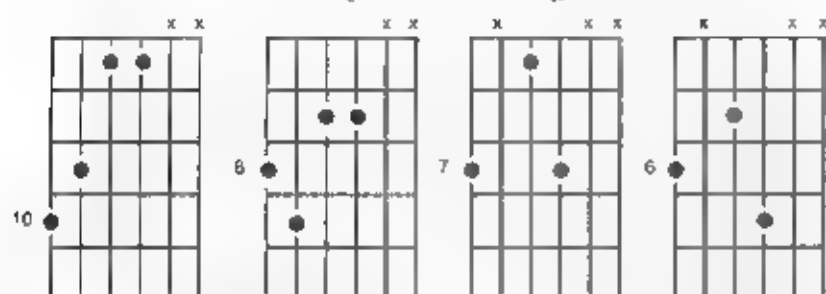


D

D/C

G/B

Gm/Bb



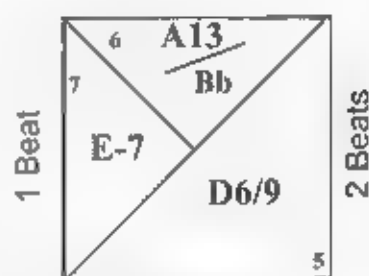
BAR 9

2 Beats on each Chord

BAR 10

2 Beats on each Chord

1 Beat



Fret Position for Bar 12

A13/Bb

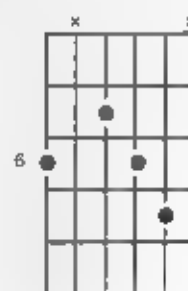


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DANSE NORVEGIENNE

The opening chords to this tune can be played in many ways, which includes - D6/9 to G-6 or DΔ7 to A7+ but I have chosen the DΔ7 to E half diminished for a more colourful approach

In Bars 9 and 10, you can hear how this descending chord sequence builds perfectly to resolve the tune

A	⁵ D6/9 B-7 ₇	⁷ E-9 A7 ₅	⁵ D6/9 B-7 ₇	⁷ E-9 A7 ₅	⁵ D6/9 D7 ₅	³ G6 Ab° ₄	⁵ D6/9 A7 ₅	⁵ D6/9 A7+5 ₅
A	Repeat 1st 6 Bars					⁵ D6/9 A7 ₅		
B	⁶ Eb6/9 C-7 ₈	⁸ F-9 Bb7 ₆	⁶ Eb6/9 C-7 ₈	⁸ F-9 Bb7 ₆	⁶ Eb6/9 C-7 ₈	⁸ F-9 Bb7 ₆	⁶ Eb6/9 A7 ₅	
A	Repeat 1st 'A' Section							



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DAPHNE

Django recorded many versions of this tune, varying the tempos and choice of chord voicings.

I have chosen to use 6/9's and minor 9's, although this has a more modern approach to an otherwise standard rhythm change, it makes for a very tight sound

You can choose to use majors or minor sevenths or any other related chords

Example 1

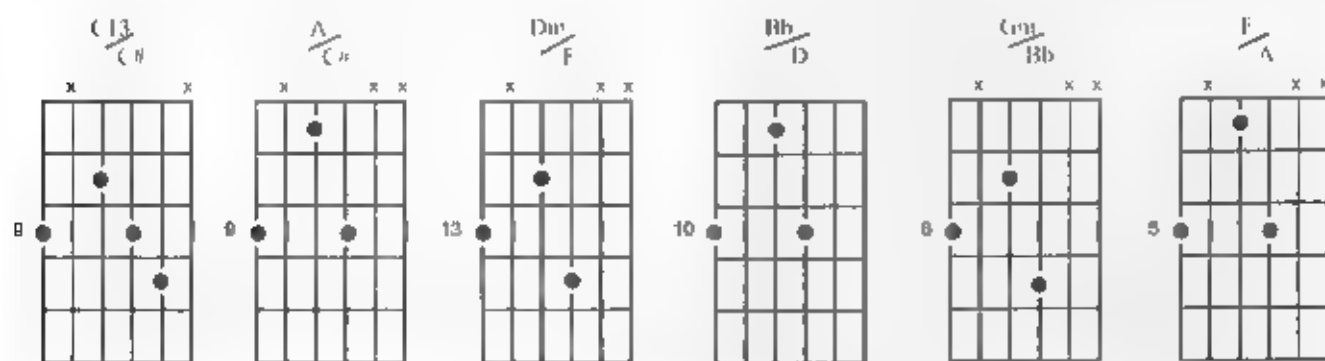
⁵ A7	%	⁵ Dm	%	⁵ A7	%	⁶ Bb7	%
¹⁰ G-9	⁹ C13 C#	⁸ FM9	⁶ Bb13	⁷ E Ø	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	%

Example 2

⁶ Eb9	%	⁵ D-9	%	⁶ Eb9	%	⁵ D°	%
³ G-6	%	³ F6/9	%	⁶ Bb7	⁵ A7	² B Ø	%

Example 3

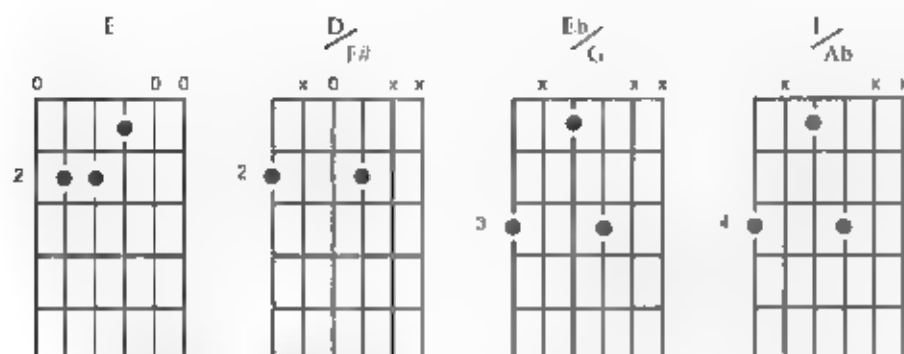
⁵ A7	⁸ C°	¹⁰ D-6	¹³ Dm F	⁵ A7	⁸ C°	¹⁰ Bb D	⁶ Bb6
⁷ B°	⁹ A C#	¹² E°	¹⁰ D-6	⁷ B°	⁹ A C#	¹⁰ C°	⁵ A°
³ G-6	⁶ Gm Bb	¹ F6	⁵ F A	⁹ C#°	⁵ A7	¹⁰ D-6	¹ Dm F
⁵ A°	⁵ A°	¹ G°	³ G°	⁶ Bb6	⁹ C#°	¹² E°	¹⁰ D-6



Shown above are 3 examples of the many ways to play this composition.

This classic piece is regarded as the Gypsy national anthem.

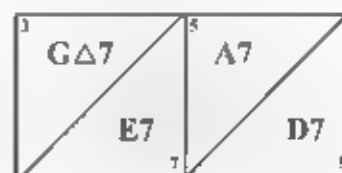
3 G6	5 D°	5 A-7	5 D9	10 GM9	8 F9	8 E D F#	3 Eb G E Ab
5 A-7	8 F9	3 G6	6 Bb°	5 A-7	5 D9	8 F9 GΔ7 Bb7 E9	5 Eb9 A7 D9



Ascending chord sequence
for Bars 8 and 9, play two
Beats on each chord



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DEEP PURPLE

The last two Bars of this tune is almost
decoration and can be played in many ways.

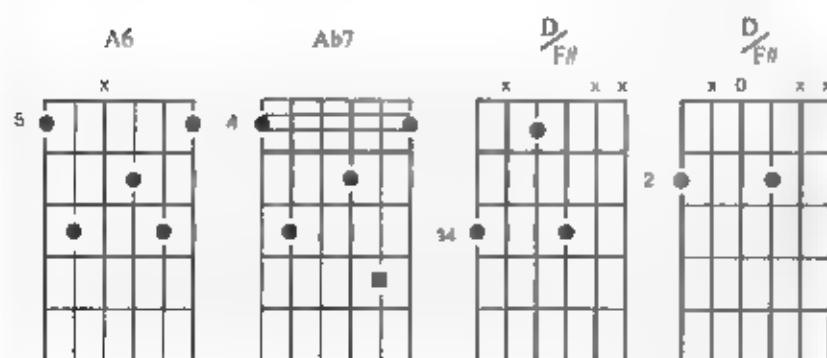
The two chord boxes above offer an alternative
solution which is not as demanding

Django did not record this tune, but fine
examples have been recorded by Angelo
Debarre on 'Gypsy Guitars' CD (HCR), and by
Patrick Saussois who is pictured opposite with
one of the members of the multi-talented
Limberger family.

⁵ A6	⁴ %	⁵ Ab7	⁷ A6	⁷ %	⁷ %	⁷ E7	⁷ %
⁷ E7	⁸ %	⁸ F7	⁷ %	⁷ E7	⁵ %	⁷ A6 Bb°	⁷ B-6 E7
⁵ A6	⁴ Ab7	⁵ A6	⁵ %	⁵ A7	⁵ %	⁵ D6/9	⁵ %
⁵ D6/9	⁸ C°	⁵ A6	⁹ F#7	⁷ B7	⁷ E7	⁷ A6/9	⁷ %

Alternative 2nd 16 Bars

⁵ A6	⁴ Ab7	⁵ A6	⁶ %	⁶ Bb°	⁹ C#°	¹⁰ D6 F°	¹⁴ D F#
² D F#	² F#°	⁵ A6 C° B°	⁹ F#7	⁷ B7	⁷ E7	⁷ A6/9 C°	⁷ B-6 E7



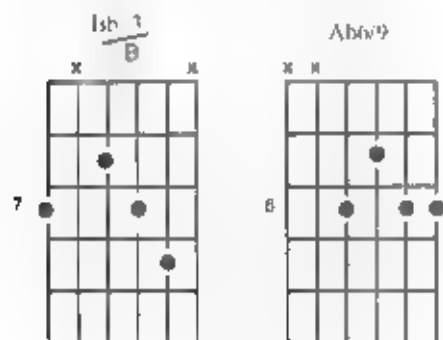
The 2nd 16 Bars offers a great alternative over what is normally a standard chord sequence

For the A6 and Ab7 the suggested chord shapes above can give a very full sound.



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⁴ Ab-7	⁶ Bb7	⁶ Eb6/9	%	³ G7	%	³ Cm	³ C7
¹ Fm	⁴ C#9	⁴ Abm	%	⁸ C-7	⁸ F9	⁸ F-7	⁷ Bb13 B
⁴ Ab-7	⁶ Bb7	⁶ Eb6/9	%	⁶ Eb7	%	⁶ Ab6/9	%
⁴ Ab-7	⁴ C#9	⁶ Eb6/9	⁸ C7	⁸ F-9	⁷ Bb13 B	⁶ Eb6/9 C7	⁸ F-7 Bb7



By using the Ab-7 as the opening chord instantly sets the mood to this song.

The photo opposite is of the Gypsy guitarist, Mito, who plays in the true Gypsy tradition adding his own unique charm and style. He now currently plays in a duo with a young up and coming Gypsy player called Dallas in and around Paris.

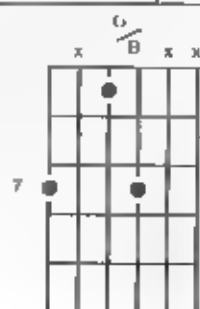


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⁵ G6	⁵ D7	⁵ G6	%	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ G6	%
³ G6	⁴ Ab°	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ A-7b5	⁵ D7	⁵ G6/9	%
³ G6	⁴ Ab°	⁵ A-7	%	² B7	%	⁰ Em	³ G7
³ C6/9	⁶ Eb9	⁵ D9	%	³ Gm	%	⁵ D7	%
⁴ C#°	⁷ E°	⁵ D7/A	⁵ D9	⁵ G6/9	%	⁵ D7	%
⁵ G6/9	%	⁵ D7	%	⁷ G/B	%	¹⁰ D-6	%
⁸ C6	⁷ E7	⁵ A7	⁵ D7	⁵ G6/9	⁵ D7	⁷ G/B / ⁵ A-7 ^h Bb° / ⁵ D9	

These Last 18 bars are for improvisation only

⁵ G6	%	⁵ D7	%	⁵ G6	%	⁵ D7	%
³ G7	%	³ C6/9	%	⁵ A-7	⁷ E7	⁵ A7	⁵ D7
⁷ G/B / ⁵ A-7 ^h Bb° / ⁵ D9							



The first 56 bars completes the theme
 The additional block of eighteen bars is used for improvisation only.
 This is the usual format used.
 Django recorded this in England when he reunited with Stephane Grapelli in 1946.

Play first section slow

A	⁵ G6/9	⁴ C#°	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ A-7	⁸ F9	⁵ G6/9	² B9
B	⁰ Em	² %	² Bm	⁵ %	⁵ D6/9	⁵ A7	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9
A	Repeat 1st 7 bars of 'A' Section							⁵ D-7 G7 ³
C	³ CΔ7	² B7	⁰ Em	⁶ Bb°	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ G6/9	STOP

Now play up tempo with a key change to Eb

A	⁶ Eb6/9	⁷ E°	⁸ F-9	⁶ Bb7	⁸ F-9	⁴ C#9	⁰ Eb6/9	³ G7
B	³ Cm	³ %	³ Gm	³ %	⁸ F9	⁸ C-7 F9	⁸ G-7 F#°	⁸ F-7 Bb7
A	Repeat 1st 7 bars of 'A' Section							⁶ Bb-7 Eb9 ⁶
C	⁴ AbΔ7	³ G7	³ Cm	⁸ F9	⁶ AbΔ7 G-7 F-7	¹¹ Ab-7 Bb7	⁶ Eb6/9	⁶ Bb7+5

EMBRACEABLE YOU

The harmony chords in the up tempo section, Bar 29 and 30, are replacing the F-9 and Bb7.

The photo opposite shows Babik Reinhardt greeting Serge Krief outside the Chez Fernand, Samois Sur Seine 1998.

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A	⁵ Dm	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	⁵ %	⁵ D7	⁵ %	³ Gm	³ %
	³ C9	³ %	³ F6/9	³ %	⁶ Bb7	⁶ %	⁵ A7 ³ G°	¹ F6 ³ A7
A	⁵ Dm	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	⁵ %	⁵ D7	⁵ %	³ Gm	³ %
	⁵ A7	⁵ %	⁵ Dm	⁵ %	⁶ Bb7	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	⁷ E7
B	⁵ Am	⁷ E7	⁵ Am	⁵ %	³ Gm	⁵ D7	³ Gm	³ %
	³ C9	³ %	³ F6/9	³ %	⁶ Bb7	⁶ %	⁵ A7	⁵ %
A	⁵ Dm	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	⁵ %	⁵ D7	⁵ %	³ Gm	³ %
	⁵ A7	⁵ %	⁵ Dm	⁵ %	⁶ Bb7	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	⁵ A7



FLEUR DE LAVENDE

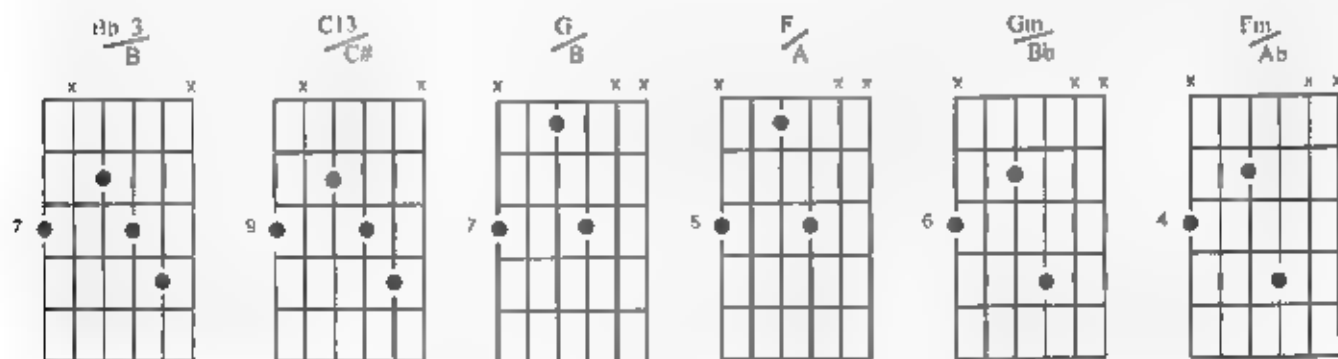
This classic piece was written by Fapy Lafertin who is a great master of the Django style.

This tune firmly has its place amongst the Gypsy repertoire and is available on the CD opposite.

A	10 GM9	10 %	10 G-9	9 C13 C#	8 FM9	8 %	8 F-9	7 Bb13 B
B	6 5 EbΔ	A7b5 D9	3 4 G-6 A°	6 5 Gm Bb A°	7 B-7	7 E9	5 A-7	5 D9
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C	6 5 Eb6/9	A7b5 D9	5 8 G6/9	7 8 C-7 F7	7 B-7 Bb7	5 A-7 Ab7	3 GΔ	5 D7#9

Try this as an alternative to the 1st 'A' section

3 G6 A°	7 G B A°	4 Gm Bb A°	3 G-6 A°	1 F6 G°	5 F A G°	4 Fm Ab G°	1 F-6 G°
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HOW HIGH THE MOON


There are many ways of approaching this tune

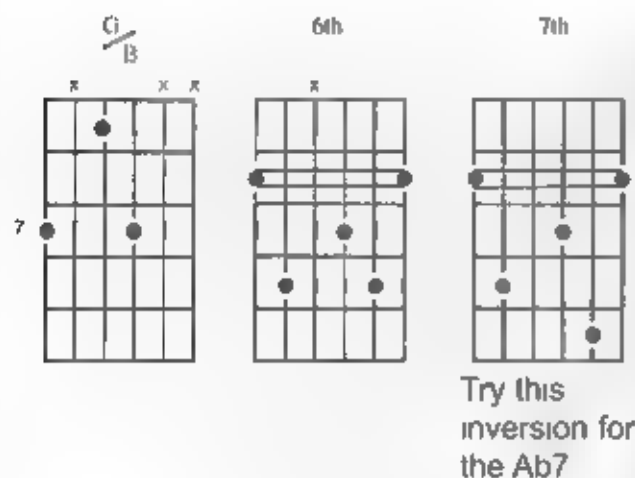
The chord changes above give a more modern feel

The alternative 'A' section showing two chords per bar gives a sound of great authority

This method is typical of Gypsy rhythm guitarists and can be used throughout the tune.

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A	³ G6	%	⁴ Ab6	%	³ G6	%	⁷ E7	%
B	⁵ A7	%	⁴ Ab7	%	⁷ G B	⁶ Bb°	⁵ A-7	⁵ D7
A								
C	⁵ A-7	⁸ C-7	⁷ G B	⁴ Bb°	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ G6/9	⁵ %



HUNGARIA

This classic Hotclub tune has also been recorded by Angelo Debarre, Stochelo Rosenberg and also Fapy Lafertin who used the name as a title theme for one of his CD's.



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I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME

Key of F

4/4

32 Bars

AABA

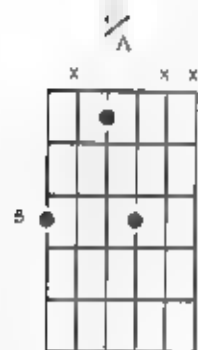
A	³ F6/9	¹ Fm	³ C6/9	⁵ A7	⁵ D-7	³ G7	³ C6/9	³ G-7 C7 ³
A	<div> <div></div> <div>Repeat</div> <div>1st</div> <div>6 Bars</div> <div></div> </div>						³ C6/9	³ % ³
B	⁷ E7	⁵ %	⁵ A7	⁵ %	⁵ D7	⁵ %	³ G7	³ G-7 C9 ³
A	<div> <div></div> <div>Repeat</div> <div>1st</div> <div>'A' Section</div> <div></div> </div>							



Pictured centre is Maurice Cullaz who sadly passed away in October 2000. He was the president of the French Jazz Academy as well as a world renowned Jazz critic and great friend of Django. He was given the nickname 'Smoothie' by Louis Armstrong.

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A	¹ F6	⁴ ³ Ab°	³ G-7 C7	³ F6/9	⁵ F A	⁴ Ab°	³ Gm	⁵ D7
B	³ Gm	⁵ D7	³ Gm	%	³ C7	%	³ F6/9	%
C	¹ F6	⁴ ³ Ab°	³ G-7 C7	³ F6/9	⁸ F7	%	⁸ Bb6/9	%
D	⁶ Bb6	⁷ ⁸ B°	³ F7 Eb7	⁵ D7	³ G7	¹ ³ C7	³ F6/9 Ab°	³ G-6 C7



The chord above
represents an **F** with
an **A** on the Bass



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This was not one of Django's original compositions although
he chose to record it twice in 1947 with his Quintette.

A	⁸ Bb6/9	⁶ %	⁸ Bbm	⁷ %	⁸ F6/9	⁹ E7	⁸ F6/9	⁸ %
B	⁵ D9	⁵ %	⁵ %	⁵ %	¹⁰ G9	⁹ %	⁹ F#9	⁸ %
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C	⁸ C-7	⁵ D7	⁵ A7	⁵ D-7	¹ <div style="display: inline-block; transform: rotate(45deg); text-align: center;"> Bb9 B9 </div>	³ <div style="display: inline-block; transform: rotate(45deg); text-align: center;"> C9 C7/G </div>	³ F6/9	⁸ F7

Chords sometimes used as introduction

1 Beat

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2 Beats

1 Beat

2 Beats

1 Beat

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1 Beat

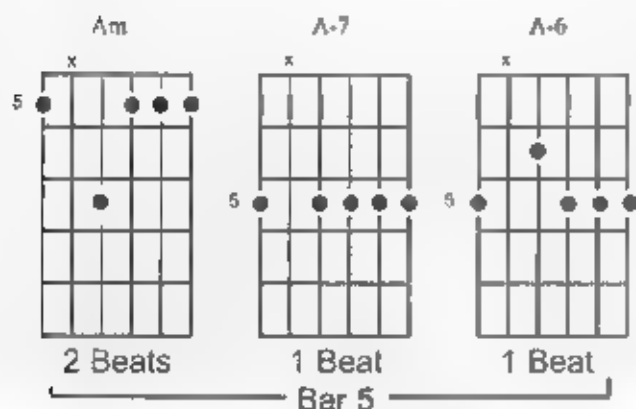
1 Beat

This tune has become very popular in the Gypsy repertoire, but was only recorded once by Django.

By following the G9 with an F#9, this chord substitutes the standard C7

A	F6/9 8 7 E 8 A7 5	Dm 5 5 Dm E7 7	Am 5 A-6 A-7 5	C#7#9 4	G-7 3	C9 3
B	F6/9 8 10 G-7 C7 8	F9 8 Eb9 6	D9 5	Gm 3	G7 3	G-7 3
A		Repeat	1st	'A' Section		
A		Repeat	1st	'A' Section		
	F6/9 3 G-7 3	F6/9 3 C9 3	Extra 2 Bars on Last 'A'			

INSENSIBLEMENT



This beautiful composition was written by P. Misraki.

It was recorded twice by Django Reinhardt. Other versions of this tune have been recorded by Fapy Lafertin on his 'Aurora' CD and also by Stochelo Rosenberg who is pictured below.

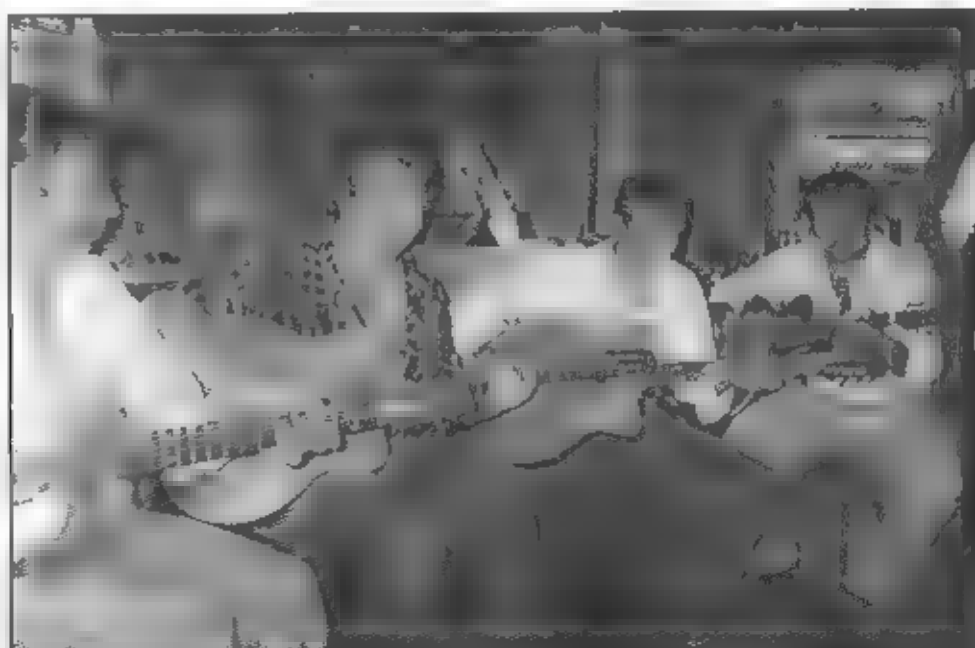
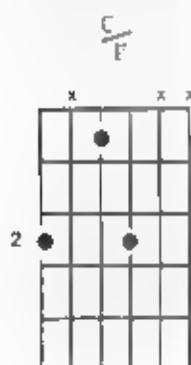
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³ C6/9	³ %	³ %	⁸ F9	⁸ CΔ	⁸ CΔ ¹¹ Eb⁹ ¹² C E	¹⁰ D-7	¹² A9
¹⁰ Dm	¹⁰ D-Δ	¹⁰ D-7	¹⁰ G7	⁵ Dm	³ G7	³ C6/9	³ %
³ C7	³ %	³ F6/9	⁵ D 8	³ C6/9	³ C6/9 ⁶ Fb-7 ⁷ E-7	⁵ D-7	³ G7
³ C6/9	³ G7+5						

³ C6/9 ⁵ A-7	³ D-9 ⁴ C#7#9
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Another example of last
2 bars

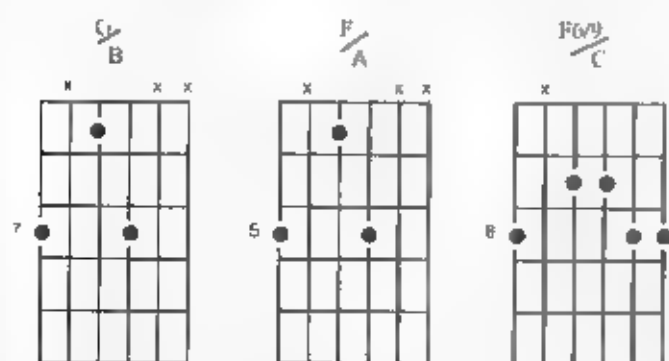


J'ATTENDRAI

Since the discovery in the early nineties of the film clip of The Quintette of the Hot Club of France playing this tune, it has obviously become a favourite amongst the Gypsy players. Noted recordings have been made by Raphael Fays, Fapy Lafertin, Moreno, Ichavolo Schmitt with Romane and others too.

No doubt that this tune will appear on many more CD's.

	5		5		8		7		6
	Dm	%	A7	%	F6/9	%	G/B		Bb°
A	5	4	3	3	1	2	3	5	
	F/G	Ab°	G-7	C7	F6	F#°	G-7	A7	
	Repeat				1st	12	Bars		
A									
					3	C6/9	5	6	
					F6/9	E7	F/A	Eb7	
	6		6		6		3		
	Ab6/9	%	Eb6/9	%	Ab6/9	%	C9	%	
B									
	8		7	6	5	4	3	5	
	F6/9	%	G/B	Bb°	F/A	Ab°	G-6	A7	
	Repeat				1st	12	Bars		
A									
					8	F6/9	8	Bb6	8
					F7	B°	F6/9	Bb7	8
							F6/9	A7	8



An outstanding version of this tune has been recorded by Raphael Fays. You can hear how he gives a standard Jazz tune the Gypsy treatment by taking it at a tremendous pace and with great choice of chords. It is featured on the CD opposite.



A	³ C9	%	%	%	⁵ A7	%	%	⁵ A7 Ab7
B	³ GΔ7	%	² B7	⁰ Em	⁵ A7	%	⁵ D9	⁴ C#9
A	³ C9	%	%	%	⁵ A7	%	%	⁵ A7 Ab7
C	³ GΔ7	⁷ E7	⁵ A-7	⁸ C-7	⁵ A-6	⁵ D7	⁵ G6/9	⁵ G6/9 C#9

Try Example 2 below with some running chord lines and stay on 'G' for the last two bars when finishing

A	³ C9	%	%	%	⁵ A7	%	%	⁵ A7 Ab7
B	³ GΔ7	%	² B7	⁴ Em F#°	⁴ A7 B°	¹⁰ C° A/C#	¹⁰ D7 C°	⁶ Bb6 C#9
A	³ C9	%	%	%	¹² A9	%	%	¹² A9 Ab9
C	¹⁰ G6/9	⁷ E7	⁵ A-7	⁸ C-7 G/B	⁴ A° Bb°	⁴ D7	¹ G6 Ab°	⁵ D9 C#9

A7

B°

C°

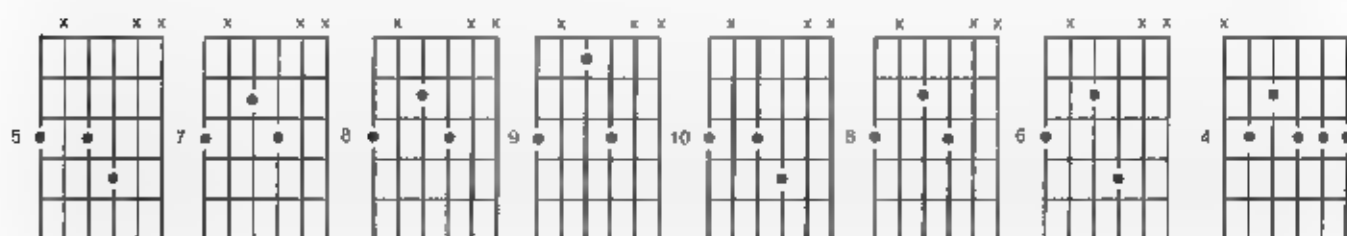
A/C#

D7

C°

Bb6

C#9



Bars 13-14-15-16 of Example 2
Play two beats for each chord

SLOW SWING

E-7	D ^o	D6/9	D6/9	E-9	Eb9	D6/9	B7b9
	F ^o	C#6/9	B-7			C#6/9	D6/9
E-9	A7	D6/9	D6/9	F#6/9	Ab-7	F#6/9	F# Bb
		C#6/9	C#9		C#9	Ab ^o	B7b9
Em	C9	Em	F#7	Bm	E7	G-6	A7 B7
Em7	B9	Em7		B-7			
E-Δ		E-Δ					
Em	Em/C#	A-6	B7	E-7	A13/Bb	D6/9	D6/9
Em/D	A7					G-6	

For the Outro, repeat the last 4 bars

Em	Em/D	Em/C#	A7	A13/Bb	F# Bb

Play 2 Beats per chord

Bars 25 - 26

C ^o	C# ^o	Eb ^o
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These chords are sometimes used for the introduction

Only play 1 beat per chord following start of melody.

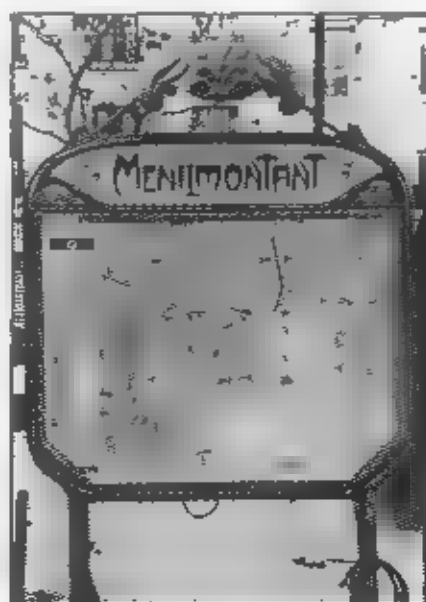
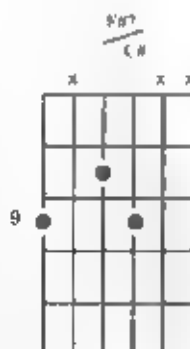
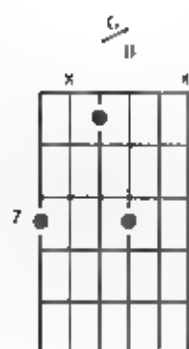
Diminished Shape for above introduction

MELODIE AU CREPESCULE

This is possibly one of Django's most powerful compositions.

The use of the D diminished and F diminished in the second bar sits well with the melody but you can use a A7 when improvising.

A	⁸ C6	⁷ %	⁸ C-6	⁷ %	⁷ G B	⁶ %	⁶ Bb°	⁴ %
	⁵ A-7	⁷ B7	⁷ E-7	⁷ B7	⁵ E-7	⁵ A7	⁵ D9	⁴ C#9
A	³ C6/9	³ %	³ C-9	³ %	⁵ G6/9	⁶ %	⁶ Bb°	⁴ %
	⁵ A-7	² B7	⁰ Em	² B7	⁵ Em F#°	⁵ A7 D9	⁵ G6/9	⁴ %
B	⁷ Bm	⁹ F#7 C#	⁷ Bm	⁷ Bm A7	³ D6/9	⁵ E-7 A7	⁵ A-7 Eb9	⁴ D9 C#9
	¹ C6/9	⁸ %	⁸ C-6	⁷ %	⁷ G B	⁶ %	⁶ Bb°	⁴ %
A	⁵ A-7	⁷ B7	⁷ E-9	⁷ B7	⁵ E-9 A-7 D7	⁵ G6/9	⁴ %	



Thus famous French tune was obviously named after the area in Paris.

A great version to listen to is by Raphael Fays on his CD Jazz Hot: The Gypsy Way.

Typical Standard Version

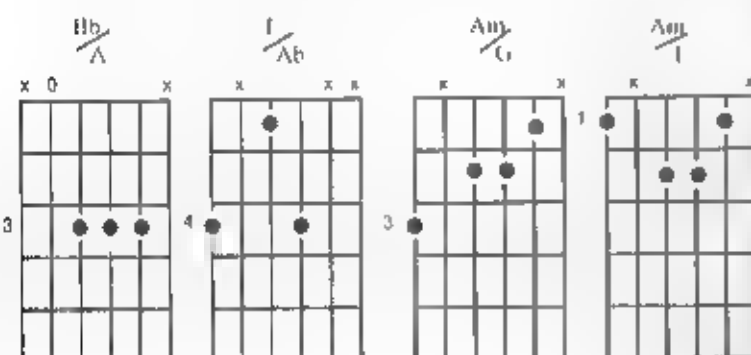
⁵ A-6	¹⁰ %	¹⁰ D-6	⁷ %	⁷ E7	⁵ %	⁵ A-6	⁵ A7
¹⁰ D-6	⁵ %	⁷ A-6	⁷ %	⁵ E7	⁵ %	⁵ Am E7	⁷ Am E7

One of many alternate versions

⁵ A-6 B°	⁵ A-6 B°	² B°	¹⁰ %	⁵ D°	⁷ E7 Bb7	⁵ A-6	⁵ Am A7
¹⁰ D-6	¹⁰ G7	⁹ F#°	⁸ F6/9	⁷ B11	⁶ Bb7b5	⁵ Am E7	⁵ Am Bb7

Alternative Line for 2nd 8 Bars

⁵ D-9	³ G13	³ CM9	¹¹ F13	¹¹ Bb Bb/A	⁴ E E/Ab E7	⁰ Am Am/G	¹ Am F E7
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Minor Swing is probably the most played composition from Django's repertoire. I have shown above many passing chords and substitutions which can be added to an otherwise simple chord format



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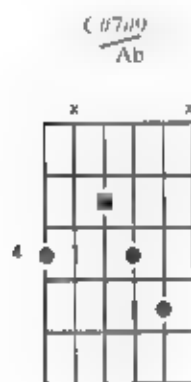
A	Em ⁰	Em/G ³	Em ⁰	Em/G ³	Em ⁰	Em/G ³	B7 ²	B7/F# ²
	B7 ⁷	A° ⁵	G6 ³	B7/F# ²	% ²	B7 ²	Em ⁰	B7 ²
	Em ⁰	E-Δ ⁰	Em7 ⁰	E-6 ⁰	Ab° ⁴	B° ⁷	Am ⁵	% ⁵
	Am ⁰	Am/F# ²	Em ⁰	Em/G ³	F#7b9 ²	B7 ²	Em ⁰	% ⁰

B	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6 ³	Ab° ⁴	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6/9 ⁵	Eb9 ⁶
	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6 ³	Ab° ⁴	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6/9 ⁵	% ⁵
	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6 ³	Ab° ⁴	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6/9 ⁵	Eb9 ⁶
	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6 ³	Ab° ⁴	A-7 ⁵	D9 ⁵	G6/9 ⁵	B7 ²

This tune is also known as
Django's Waltz

Bar 17 - 20 of A' Section

A	³ C6/9	³ %	⁶ Bb7	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	⁵ A7	⁵ Dm	⁵ %
B	⁵ Dm	³ G7	⁵ D9	³ G7	³ C6/9	³ %	³ G7+	³ %
A	<div> <div></div> <div>Repeat</div> <div>1st</div> <div>'A' Section</div> <div></div> </div>							
C	¹ F6	² F#°	³ C6/9	⁵ A7	⁵ D-9	⁴ C#9	³ C6/9	⁴ C#7#9 Ab



MY MELANCHOLY BABY



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A standard way to play the last 4 Bars would be

Dm / G7 / C / G7

This tune is sometimes played in **Eb**.

Apart from Django's version, another great recording is by Bireli Lagrene on his 1980 'Routes to Django' CD on Jazz Point 1003.

A	<div>00 Em Am B7 21</div>	<div>00 Em Am B7 21</div>	<div>00 Em E-Δ E-6 00</div>	<div>00 E-7 A-7 E-7 21</div>	<div>00 B7sus4 B7 21</div>
B	<div>97 F#0 B7b9#5</div>	<div>3 C7 %</div>	<div>2 F#7 %</div>	<div>21 B7 B7b9 F7</div>	
A	<div>Repeat 1st 'A' Section</div>				
C	<div>97 F#0 B7b9#5</div>	<div>3 C7 %</div>	<div>2 F#7 F7</div>	<div>00 Em Am 00</div>	<div>00 Em B7 21</div>

Em

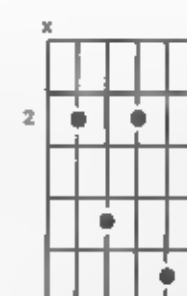
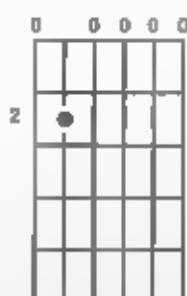
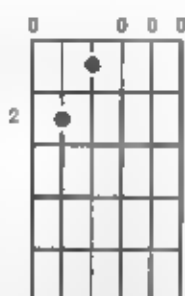
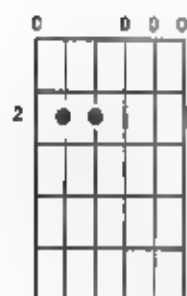
E-Δ

E-7

E-6

B7sus4

B7



Bars 5 -6 play 2 Beats on each Chord

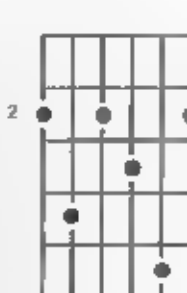
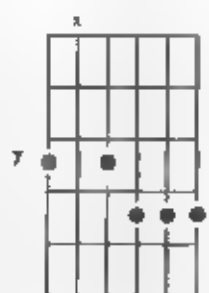
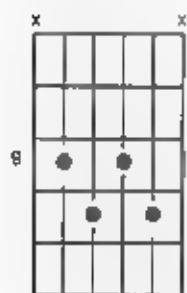
Bar 8 2 Beats on each chord

F#0

B7b9#5

C7

F#7



Bars 9 -14 of 'B' Section 4 Beats on each Chord

The use of the B7sus4 to the B7 gives a modern feel but works very well in the context of the song



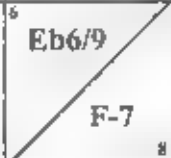

This tune works very well as a ballad or even with a Latin feel.

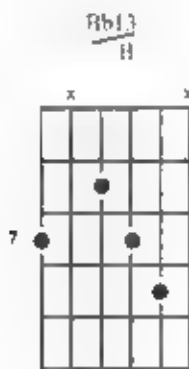
It was only recorded once by Django in 1949

NUIT DE ST-GERMAIN- DES PRES

Key of Eb 4/4

32 Bars AABA

A	⁸ F-7	⁹ F#-7	¹⁰ G-7	⁹ F#-7	⁸ F-7	⁷ Bb13 B	⁶ Eb6/9	⁶ Bb7+
A	 Repeat1st6 Bars'A' Section						⁶ Eb6/9	⁶ %
B	⁶ Bb-7	⁶ Eb9	⁶ Ab6/9	⁶ %	⁸ C-7	⁸ F9	⁸ F-9	⁷ Bb13 B
A	 Repeat1st6 Bars'A' Section					 Eb6/9F-7		 G-7F#-7



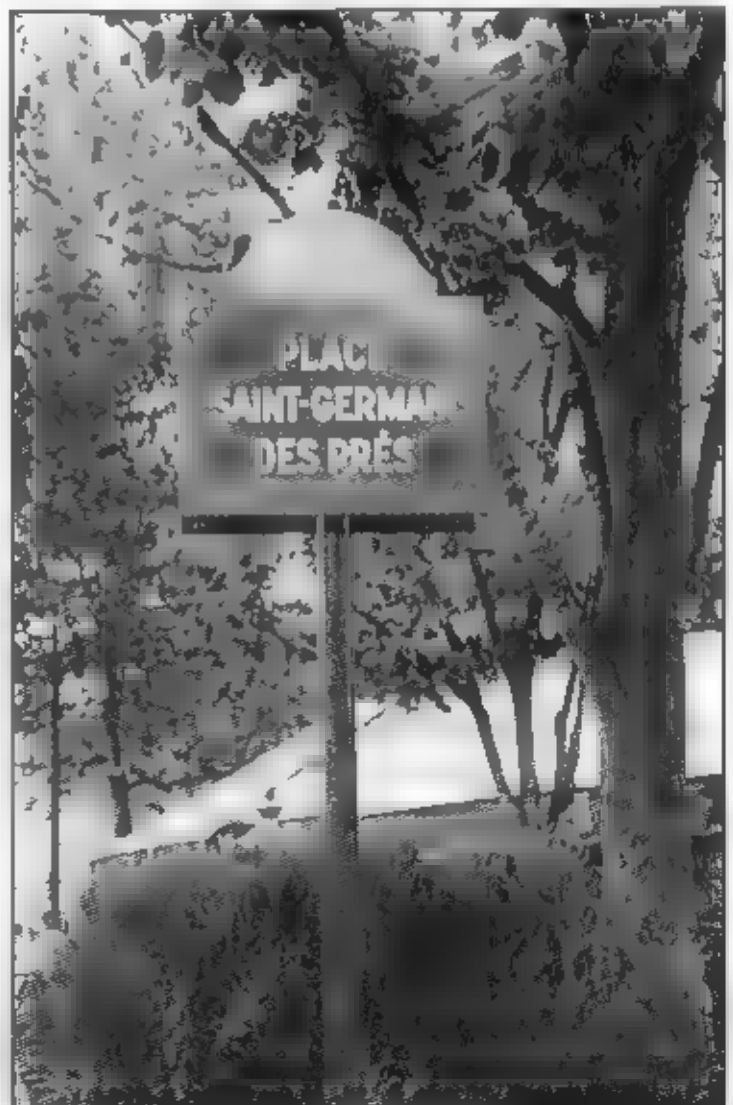
Repeat cycle but when finishing end on Eb

This tune is also played in the key of G.

This composition was very much in the Be-Bop style which was firmly established in the late forties by such players as Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie

Django was an extremely versatile player and had no problem in adjusting to other styles of Jazz.

Gypsy guitar duo Serge Krief and Richard Cluche from Paris include such Django tracks from this era to their repertoire which they perform with great authenticity.



A	Am ⁵	E7/B ⁷	Am ⁵ / Am/G ³	E7/B ⁷ / E7 ⁷	Am ⁵	G7 ³	CΔ ³	B-7b5 ⁷ / E7 ⁷
A	Repeat	1st	4 Bars		Am ⁵ / Dm ⁵	Am ⁵ / E7 ⁷	F7 ⁸ / E7 ⁷	Am ⁷
B	G7 ³	0%	CΔ ³	0%	F#-7b5 ²	F7 ¹	EΔ ⁷	F7/C ⁸ / E7/B ⁷
A	Am ⁵	E7/B ⁷	Am ⁵ / Am/G ³	E7/B ⁷ / E7 ⁷	Am ⁵ / Dm ⁵	0%	Am ⁵ / E7 ⁷	Am ⁵ / E7 ⁷

Am/C ³	x	E7/H ⁷	x	F7/C ⁸	x

This was not one of Django's own compositions, but the personal touch he displays on the melody would lead you to think that it was.

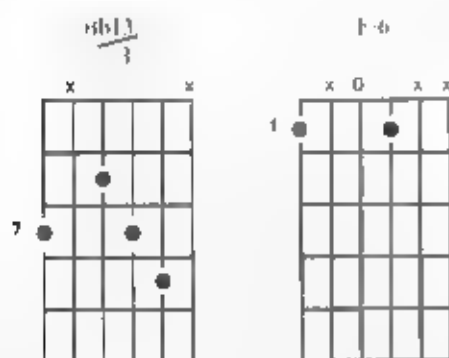
Other Gypsies who have recorded this tune are Raphael Fays, Stochelo Rosenberg and Angelo Debarre

Although this tune is a ballad, it is most effective when the beat is played with a continuous push.



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A	Eb6/9 6 13 G-7 C9	AbΔ7 4 AbM6 C9	G-7 3 C9	F-6 1 Ab° C7	Eb6/9 6 C7	F-9 8 Bb13 B	Eb6/9 6 Bb7+
A	Repeat	1st	6 Bars	'A' Section		F-9 8 Bb13 B	Eb6/9 6
B	Eb6/9 6 13 F-7 Bb7	Eb6/9 6	%	%	A° 5 10	G-9 8 C7	F-9 8 E9
A		Repeat	1st	'A' Section			



This classic song seems the most unlikely of tunes to find its way into a Gypsy repertoire.

What was originally written as a ballad, Django played as a swing tune. When you listen to his version he shortens the middle 16 by eight bars.

Gypsy guitarist Moreno from Paris has recorded this tune in the traditional way as a ballad on his CD - Yochka

He currently heads a trio with Stevie Demeter on rhythm guitar who is a fine master of playing mainly two chords to every bar

The above version is an example of that style with the use of two chords to most bars



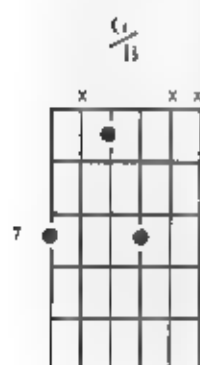
Stevie Demeter
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⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ G6/9	⁵ %	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	⁵ G6/9	⁵ %
¹⁰ D-7	¹⁰ G9	⁸ C-7	⁸ F9	⁷ $\frac{G}{B}$ ⁴ Bb°	⁵ $\frac{A-7}{D9}$ ⁵	⁵ G6/9	⁵ %


This is a very fast Be-bop tune that Django did not record, but there is a fine example by The Rosenberg Trio on their CD 'Seresta' (HCR). The tune was written by Sonny Rollins.

Below is an example with alternative voicing.

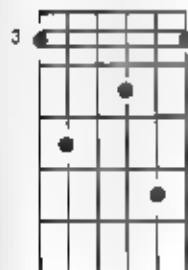
⁵ A11	⁴ Ab7b5	³ $\frac{G\Delta}{A-7}$ ⁴	⁷ $\frac{G}{B}$ ⁶ Bb°	⁵ A11	⁴ Ab7b5	³ GΔ7	⁵ $\frac{D-7}{G13}$ ³
¹⁰ D11	⁹ C#7b5	⁸ C11	⁸ F9	⁷ $\frac{G}{B}$ ⁴ Bb°	⁵ $\frac{A11}{Ab7}$ ⁴	⁵ G6/9	⁵ %



Stochelo Rosenberg and Romane outside the Chez Fernand bar in 1998
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A	³ G7	³ C7	³ F6/9	%	⁸ F7	%	⁸ Bb6/9	%
B	⁶ Bb6	⁶ ⁸ Bb-6	F9 Eb9 ⁶	⁵ D9	³ G7	%	² F#7	%
A								
B	⁶ Bb6	⁶ ⁸ Bb-6	F9 Eb9 ⁶	⁵ D9	³ G7	³ C9	³ F6/9	%

G7



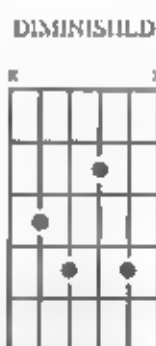
The suggested chord shape opposite can be used as the starting chord and also for the G7 and F#7 of the 'B' section.

Those who have seen the film, 'Django's Legacy', may recall a great improvised version of this tune by Serge Krief and Richard Chiche who are featured in the picture below playing on the platform opposite 'Chez Fernand'



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A	³ C9	³ %	³ G6 <div style="display: inline-block; transform: rotate(45deg);">⁶ Bb° ⁵ A°</div>	⁷ G B	⁵ A7	⁵ D9	⁵ G6/9 <div style="display: inline-block; transform: rotate(45deg);">⁵ G6/9</div>
A	Repeat 1st 6 Bars						⁵ G6/9 <div style="display: inline-block; transform: rotate(45deg);">⁵ Cm</div>
B	³ C-6	³ %	⁴ C#°	³ %	³ C-6	⁴ C#° <div style="display: inline-block; transform: rotate(45deg);">⁵ E° ⁷ D7</div>	⁵ G6/9
A	Repeat 1st 'A' Section						



Use the triad for the **A°** and **Bb°**
 Use the diminished inversion on the left for the **C#°** (4th fret) and the **E°** (7th Fret).



SEPTEMBER SONG

There is a great version of this tune on Bireli Lagrene's CD featured opposite.

He plays a complete chorus using artificial harmonics. This was a technique that Django also used back in the 30's and 40's, showing how ahead he was for his time.

A	³ Cm F-6 1	³ Cm Ab7 4	³ Cm Bb7 6	⁴ EbΔ G7 3	³ Cm F-6 1	³ Cm Ab7 4	⁴ Ab7	³ G7
A	Repeat 1st 6 Bars						⁴ Ab7 G7 3	³ Cm
B	⁴ Ab6 %	⁴ %	⁴ Cm C-Δ 4	⁶ C-7 C-6 4	⁴ Ab6 %	⁴ %	¹⁰ G7 F#7 9	³ G7 C#9 4
A	Repeat 1st 6 Bars of 'A' Section						⁴ Ab7 G7 3	¹ Cm G7+ 3

Cm	C-Δ	C-7	C-6

Bars 3 + 4 of 'B' Section
2 Beats on each chord



SI TU SAVAIS

This tune was recorded once by Django in 1947 and a fine example by Raphael Fays that can be found on his CD opposite.

A	1		3		1		3	
	Bb	%	C9	%	Bb	%	C9	%
A	1		5		6		14	5
	Bb	%	D7	%	Eb7	%	D7 / C°	Bb6 / D7
A	Repeat 1st 12 Bars							
B					6	5	5	
					Eb7	D7	G6/9	%
A	5		6		5		6	5
	D9	%	Eb9	%	D9	%	Eb9 / D9	%
A	1		3		1		3	
	Bb	%	C9	%	Bb	%	C9	%
A	1		5		6	5	5	
	Bb	%	D7	%	Eb7	D7	G6/9	%



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Swing 39 is often featured in the repertoire of Father and Son gypsy guitar duo Ninine and Mondine Garcia shown in the photo opposite, playing at one of their regular haunts at The Chope Des Puces in the fleamarket at Chignancourt, Paris.

A	³ Gm	³ %	⁵ A7	⁵ %	⁵ D7	⁵ D7 Ab7 ⁴	³ Gm	³ %
B	⁴ Ab6	⁴ %	³ Gm	³ %	⁵ A7	⁵ %	⁶ D7 C° ⁸	⁶ Bb6 D7 ⁵
A	Repeat 1st 7 Bars of 'A' Section						³ Gm	³ %
B	⁴ Ab6	⁴ %	³ Gm	³ %	⁵ A7	⁵ D7	⁵ Gm D7 ⁵	⁵ Gm D7#9 ⁵

This tune is a traditional standard amongst the Gypsies and has recently been recorded by Angelo Debarre.

An outstanding rendition has been recorded by Rodolphe Raffalli who is pictured below.



Rodolphe Raffalli virtuoso guitarist

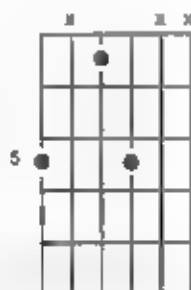
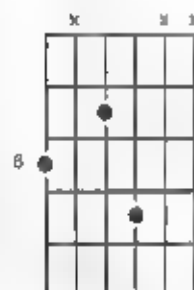
A	³ C6/9	%	⁵ D7b5	⁴ Ab7+	⁵ D-7	⁴ ³ C#9	⁵ C6/9 A-7	⁵ D-7 C#9
A	Repeat 1st 6 Bars						³ C6/9	³ C7
B	⁸ F6/9	%	%	⁸ F6/9 Eb9	⁵ D9	%	⁵ D-7	⁴ C#9
A	Repeat 1st 'A' Section							

I have used the C#9 as a substitution for G7.
This is typical of a Gypsy Chord Change



Take The 'A' Train was written by Duke Ellington and was originally arranged as a Big Band number. Fapy drives this tune with great swing in a small band context with only an added snare drum. You can hear this version on his CD featured opposite. This tune is not widely played in the Gypsy repertoire but is occasionally heard.

A	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ G-7 \\ C9 \end{array}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ F6/9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ F/A \\ Ab^o \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ G-7 \\ C9 \end{array}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ F6/9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ B7 \end{array}$
	$\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ B-7 \\ E9 \end{array}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ A\Delta 7 \\ AM6 \end{array}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ B-7 \\ E9 \end{array}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ A6/9 \\ D9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ G6/9 \\ C9 \end{array}$
A	Repeat 1st 6 Bars of 'A' section						$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ A-7b5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ D7 \end{array}$
	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ G-6 \\ A^o \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ Gm \\ Bb \\ A^o \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ G-6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ Bb-6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ G-7 \\ C9 \end{array}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ F6/9 \end{array}$	$\frac{0}{0}$

 $\frac{Cm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ 

TEA FOR TWO

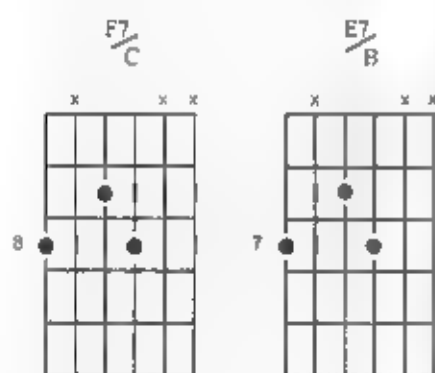
The last two bars of the 'B' section is a very effective way to resolve back to the 'A' section. Try adopting this sequence in different keys and applying to different tunes.

Apart from Django's, listen to Fapy Lafertin's version on his 'Aurora' CD.



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A	⁷ E7	%	%	%	⁵ Am / ⁵ A-7	⁵ A-6	⁵ A7
	² B0	%	⁵ Am	%	⁸ F7 / ⁵ C	⁷ E7 / ⁵ B	⁵ Am / ⁸ F7
A	Repeat		1st	14 Bars			
B						⁵ Am	%
	¹⁰ D-7	¹⁰ G9	⁸ CΔ	%	⁷ B11	⁶ Bb7	⁵ Am / ⁹ F#7#9
B	² B0	%	⁵ Am	%	⁸ F7 / ⁵ C	⁷ E7 / ⁵ B	⁵ Am
							%



The format of this tune may vary. It can sometimes be played A,A,B,A or as shown above as an A,A,B.



A gathering of Gypsies at the Django festival at Samois.
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Key of D

4/4

THEM THERE EYES

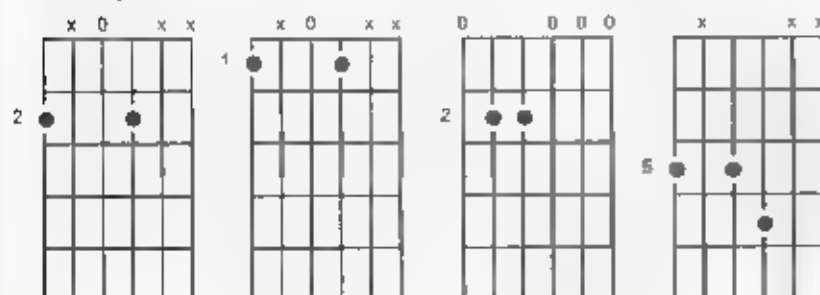
32 Bars

EXAMPLE 1

⁵ D6/9	⁰ %	⁴ Db9	⁰ %	⁵ D6/9	⁰ %	⁷ E-7	⁰ %
⁰ F#7	⁰ %	⁷ Bm	⁰ %	⁷ E7	⁰ %	⁶ Eb7	⁰ %
⁵ D6/9	⁴ Db9	⁵ D6/9	⁰ %	⁵ D7	⁰ %	⁵ G6/9	⁰ %
³ G6	⁴ Ab°	⁵ D6/9 C7	² B7	⁷ E7	⁶ Eb7	⁵ D6/9	⁵ A7+

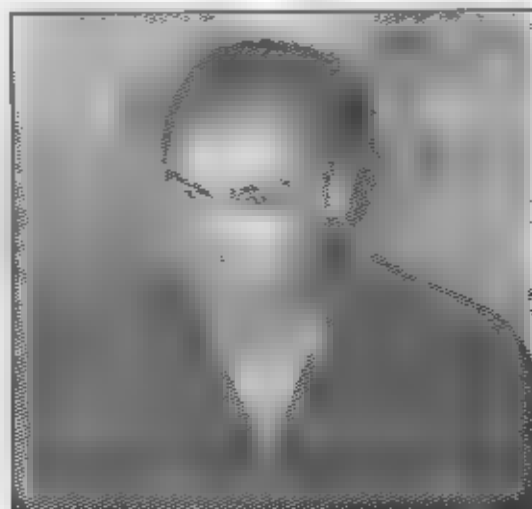
EXAMPLE 2

⁵ D6/9	⁰ %	⁴ C#9	⁰ %	² D/F	¹ F°	^{Em} Em G° F#°	⁴ A7
² F#7 Ab°	⁴ A° Bb°	⁷ B-6 C#°	¹⁰ Bm D B-6	⁷ E7	⁰ %	⁶ Eb7	⁷ E-7 A13 Bb
⁵ D6/9	⁴ C#9	⁵ D6/9	⁰ %	⁵ D7	⁰ %	³ G6 Bb° A°	⁷ G/B
³ G6	⁴ Ab°	⁵ D6/9 C9	² B9 F9	⁷ E9	⁶ Eb9	⁵ D6/9	⁵ A7+

D/F**F°****Em****A7**

Try this passage over Bars 5 - 8
4 Beats to each Chord

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Rhythm Guitarist Stevie Demeter

THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER YOU

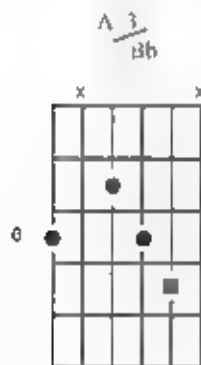
Key of D

4/4

32 Bars

ABAB

A	⁵ D6/9	³ %	^{9 11} C#-7	⁹ G9 <div>F#9</div>	^{7 7} B-7 <div>Bb-7</div>	⁵ A-7	⁵ D9	
B	³ GΔ	³ C7b5	⁵ D6/9	⁷ B-7	⁷ E7	⁶ %	⁶ Eb7 %	
A	<div><div></div><div>Repeat</div><div>1st</div><div>'A' Section</div><div></div></div>							
B	³ GΔ7	³ C7b5	⁵ D6/9	^{4 5} C#9	⁷ D6/9 <div>B7</div>	⁷ E-9 <div>A7</div>	⁵ E-9 <div>A13 Bb</div>	⁵ D6/9 <div>A7+5</div>



Although this tune was never recorded by Django Reinhardt, it has become very popular amongst Gypsy guitarists.

This could be due to the recording by Stochelo Rosenberg on his CD 'Seresta' in the early nineties.

This tune was originally written in the key of Eb, but Gypsy players tend to play it in the key of D

So in keeping with Gypsy tradition the above example is in the key of D



Above is a sleeve cover to one of the many Django Reinhardt EP's that were released throughout the Fifties and Sixties.

A	E Δ 9	E Δ 9	E-9	A7	D Δ 9	C9	B7	F9	
A	Repeat				1st	5 Bars	C7	E6/9	%
B	A-7	A-6	F#7	G# ^o	A-7	F#7b5	B7	F9	
A	E Δ 9	E Δ 9	E-9	A7	D Δ 9	C7	E6/9	F9	

INTRO

E7#9	%	A13	%
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E7#9	A13	E- Δ 9

Chords used for Intro



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TROUBLANT
BOLERO

Django's liking for the music of Maurice Ravel probably inspired him to write this beautiful Iberian flavoured composition

Note the E- Δ 9 is played as the last beat of the 2nd bar of sections 'A' and 'C'. You may have to master the rhythm before working this chord in

BOSSA

A	5	6	5	5	3 3	2	2
	D Δ 7	Bb $^{\circ}$	A-7	D7	G Δ / G-7 / C7	F#7	B7
A	7	4	5	5			
	E7	Bb7 / A7	Dm	A7#5			
A	Repeat		1st	10 Bars			
A	5	5	3	3			
		D-9 / G7	D-9 / G7				
B	3	3	8	8	6	6	5
	G-7	C9	F Δ	%	F-9	Bb7	Eb Δ / A7#5
A	Repeat		1st	'A' Section			
A							

WAVE



Bossa tunes are now a regular feature in Gypsy repertoires.

Bireli Lagrene recorded this tune on his CD 'Routes To Django' in 1979 and is shown opposite

He plays it in the original key of D, although Gypsy guitarists use other keys such as 'G'

Stochelo Rosenberg has also recorded a version of this tune live at The North Sea Jazz festival in the 90's.

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE

Key of C

4/4

32 Bars

AABA

A	¹⁰ G♭	⁸ C7	⁸ F-9	%	⁴ C#9	³ ³ G7	⁶ C6/9 ⁶ Eb-7 ⁵ D-7	⁷ E-7
A	¹⁰ G♭	⁸ C7	⁸ F-7	%	⁴ C#9	³ G7	³ C6/9	%
B	⁸ C-7	⁸ F7	⁶ BbΔ	%	⁴ Ab7	%	³ G7	⁴ C#9
A	<div> <div></div> <div>Repeat</div> <div>2nd</div> <div>'A' Section</div> <div></div> </div>							



WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE?

I have chosen to use the C#9 on the fifth bar of the 'A' sections

A more standard way to play this would be to use a D half-diminished

The chord changes above also fit the Be-Bop tune 'Hot House'.

Even at a very young age, as the picture shows, Gypsy children show their love and enthusiasm for their music which is a very strong part of their culture.

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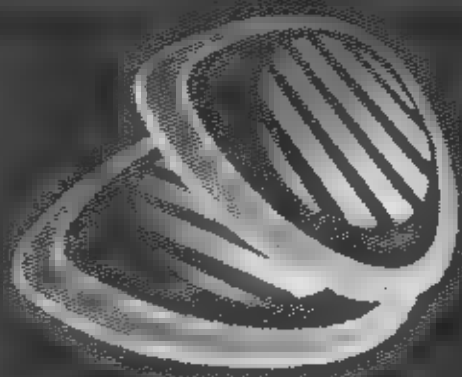
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